

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An audio player system comprising:
a memory,
5 a processor and control keys to normally operate the player,
a circuit responsive to said keyed inputs from said keys for security locking the
player from playing or recording.
- 10 2. The player of Claim 1 wherein said keyed inputs are a combination of
normally used keyed inputs to operate the player.
3. The player of Claim 2 wherein said player is an MP3 player.
- 15 4. The player of Claim 3 wherein if the user forgets the security code, the
system displays a hint.
5. The player of Claim 3 wherein if the user forgets the security code for a
predetermined period of time the system becomes unlocked.
- 20 6. The player of claim 3 wherein the manufacturer can provide an unlocked
security code over the modem connection to a personal computer cabled to the player.
7. A method of providing security to a player comprising the steps of:
providing a security lock to the player;
25 keying in an unlocked code by a combination of key presses to one or more of the
normal operation keys.
8. The method of Claim 7 wherein the key presses are made sequentially.
- 30 9. The method of Claim 7 wherein the key presses are made at the same
time.